THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not rise.

(c) As per the approved Plan Schemes of Doordarshan Second Channel service was envisaged to be introduced in the metropolitan cities of Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras only in view of the cosmopolitan character of the population of these cities. No funds have been allocated under VII Plan for introduction of similar service in any other city. However, provision of second channel in other important cities will be considered in VIII Plan.

Completion of national highway bye-pass on Pune-Bangalore road

274. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) by when the National Highway bye-pass on the Pune-Bangalore Road connecting Dehu Road to Satara Road is likely to be completed ; and

(b) what are the reasons for the slow implementation of this Project ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN) : (a) and (b). Due to constraints of resources, the work on the bye-pass which is 34.25 kms. long is being executed in phases. The work has been divided into seven sections, out of which the work of the first two sections has been completed and opened to traffic. The position of the work in different sections is as under :–

Section	Date of Sanction	Present Status
Section I—Km. 0 to 6/120	December 1979	Completed
Section IIA—Km. 6/120 to 9/480 . . .	December 1983	Completed
Section IIB—Km. 9/480 to 14/360 . . .	March 1985	85% Progress achieved.
Section IIC—Km. 14/360 to 22/00 . . .	March 1989	Work just started.
Section III—Km. 22/00 to 27/420 . . .	March 1989	Award of work is in progress.
Section IVA—Km. 27/420 to 29/800 . . .	December 1989	Sanctioned recently.
Section IVB—Km. 29/800 to 34/250 . . .	February 1988	25% progress achieved.

Security arrangements for Prime Minister during his recent visit to Amritsar

275. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the necessary security arrangements were made for the Prime Minister during his recent visit to Amritsar ;

(b) if so, what was the number of security personnel deployed on duty during his visit ; and

(c) what was the number of such personnel who entered the Golden

Temple in civilian dress alongwith the Prime Minister and of those who accompanied him in the open jeep?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED) : (a). Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) It is not in the public interest to disclose the details of security arrangements made for the Prime Minister from time to time.

Guidelines for security of PM and VVIPs.

276. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether regulations and guidelines pertaining to the security of the Prime Minister and other VVIPs are prescribed in the Blue Book;

(b) if so, when was the Blue Book prepared; and

(c) whether Government propose to repeal the same?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Blue Book, containing rules and regulations for the protection of the Prime Minister was first published in 1951. The current edition was published in 1981.

(c) No; Sir, There is no such proposal at present.

No traffic hold-up for P.M.

277. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it was announced by the Doordarshen in its news bulletin on the 12th December, 1989 that the Prime Minister would move about in his car with-out in any way interrupting the normal traffic; and

(b) if so, whether it is being done in practice and whether the Prime Minister's car stops at the normal traffic lights?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

An announcement to this effect was reportedly made by Doordarshan on 11th December, 1989.

(b) The Government has decided that during the road journeys of the Prime Minister his convoy should move along with normal traffic and there should be no hold up, or stoppage of traffic.

Civilian employees of the indo-Tibtan Border Police

278. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the civlian employees of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police are being combatised;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that after combatisation, they are being placed in ranks junior to the ones held by them; and

(d) whether this process would further adversely affect the service conditions of the present incumbents?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) and (b) 10